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February 9, 2023 Susan Nickerson, CCCFF Program Coordinator Nebraska Department of Economic Development 245 Fallbrook Blvd, Ste. 002 Lincoln, Nebraska 68521

Dear Ms. Nickerson,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide our support for the City of Waverly's application for this important grant opportunity through the Nebraska Department of Economic Development's Civic and Community Center Financing Fund (CCCFF). The Board of County Commissioners of the County of Lancaster, Nebraska, strongly supports the City of Waverly's application for the CCCFF grant for the City of Waverly's new Waverly Aquatic Center.

In June of 2022, the Lancaster County Board proudly partnered with the City of Waverly by committing \$250,000 in federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to aid with construction costs for the Waverly Aquatic Center. In conjunction with the significant financial support that the citizens of the City of Waverly already had contributed to this project, we made this investment to support long-term growth and opportunity in Lancaster County based on our firm belief that this project would support a strong, resilient, and equitable recovery from the detrimental public health and economic impacts that COVID-19 wrought on our community.

The Lancaster County Board believes the CCCFF grant is a natural fit for the Waverly Aquatic Center, which will attract new economic opportunities to Lancaster County by enriching the array of public recreational amenities available to the families who make up our community, increasing the desirability of Lancaster County as a workforce destination, improving the social and physical well-being of our constituents, and providing local jobs throughout the development of this project.

We appreciate all of the efforts of the Nebraska Department of Economic Development that have driven our community's continued growth, and we look forward to Lancaster County residents enjoying this project for years to come.

Sincerely,

Rick Vest Commissioner, District 5 For the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Lancaster, Nebraska